Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today was sworn in as Representative of Nebraska's First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Fortenberry took the oath of office with his colleagues on the House Floor this afternoon.

"I am honored to be a member of Nebraska' delegation in the United States Congress," Fortenberry said. "Our nation faces tremendous challenges in the next two years, and I remain committed to serving the families and communities of Nebraska with hard work, careful deliberation, and civility, for the good of our country."

"As the new Congress works to restore opportunity in challenging times, we must look to the best traditions of our nation' past for a new way centered on responsibility, discipline, and stewardship. Since entering Congress, I have focused on national security and global stability, small business entrepreneurship and rural vitality, alternative energy and environmental sustainability, patient-centered health care reform, and family life and culture. These priorities will continue to guide my pursuit of policies that best strengthen our families, communities, and nation."

The 111th Congress marks Fortenberry' third term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He first began his service in Congress in January 2005.

Nebraska's First Congressional District has been represented by individuals including former presidential candidate and U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan (1891-1895), Senator Carl Curtis (1943-1954), Governor Charles Thone (1971-1979), and Doug Bereuter (1979-2004).

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